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Frazier, Alan J.

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Filed: December 27, 1999

Invention: System and Method for Device

Configuration and Management Using a Universal Serial Bus Port

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) (37 C.F.R. 1.114) AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

Included herewith is an Amendment and Remarks to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed September 3, 2004.

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Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant petitions for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 up to and including November 3, 2004. A fee in the amount of \$430.00 for a two-month extension of time is included.

A check in the amount of \$1220.00 is included herewith for the continued prosecution request fee (\$790.00) and a fee for a two-month extension of time (\$430.00). Applicant hereby authorizes the Patent and Trademark Office to charge deposit account number 02-0383 for any other charges necessary for the filing of this Request for Continued Examination.

Timeliness of the Request for Continued Examination

The filing of this Request for Continued Examination is timely and a two-month extension, as opposed to a three-month extension of time, is required. When the applicant files a response to a final office action within two months of the mailing date of the final office action, and when the examiner mails the advisory action after the end of the three-month shortened statutory period, any extension of time is measured from the mailing date of the advisory action. Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, 706.07(f), Part I.

A final office action was issued in this application on May 26, 2004. A response to the final office action was filed within two months of the mailing date of the final office action. Attached as Exhibit A is a confirmation facsimile transmission from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, which indicates that the response to the final office action was received on July 26, 2004. The examiner did not mail an advisory action until September 3, 2004, which is after the end of the three-month shortened statutory period. As such, any extensions of time for

this application are calculated from September 3, 2004, which is the mailing date of the advisory action, and the required extension of time for this filing is a two-month extension of time.

If a three-month extension of time is required, Applicant authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge deposit account no. 02-0383 (016295.0402) for the amount necessary for the required extension of time.

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Exhibit A

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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

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In response to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed September 3, 2004, Applicant submits this response and respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.